

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall
Dawsonville, GA
November 19, 2015

MINUTES

The GMRC Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Dawsonville, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Dawsonville.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. Mayor James Grogan, City of Dawsonville, welcomed everyone to Dawsonville. Mr. Grogan recognized Mike Sosebee, City Councilman; Seanie Zappendorf, Dawsonville DDA; Sara Beacham, City Clerk; Aileen McClure and Gordon Pirkle; and Mayor's wife and daughter, Carol and Sara Grogan.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Vice-Chairman James Grogan recognized special guests State Representative Kevin Tanner, Joel Katz, Aide with Rep. Collin's Office; Bruce Cutler, Small Business Development Center; Charlie Auvermann, Dawson County Development Authority; and Kim Waters, Rotary District Governor Elect.

INVOCATION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/DINNER

L.J. Harrison, GMRC Chaplain, gave our devotion, invocation, and followed with the pledge of allegiance.

PROGRAM

FY15 GMRC Financial Audit

Mr. Clay Pilgrim with Rushton and Company presented a power point presentation of the FY15 GMRC Financial Audit to the Council. He explained in detail the process of the Audit and answered questions. He stated that the overall Audit was good. There was one finding in the Audit, but it was not due to anything that the RC had done. When new bank accounts were opened, the bank failed to collateralize the funds even though the RC had indicated this through forms and also verbal discussion. Public funds must be collateralized 110%. The bank has taken full responsibility for this error, but it must be listed in the Audit as a finding. There were no issues of compliance finding. The RC is in good financial shape. Mr. Pilgrim thanked Becky Sievers, Director of Finance and all the accounting staff for all their help during the Audit.

Chairman Scarborough stated that after the Executive Committee's review of the Audit last month, they voted to present it to the Council for their review. The Council previously reviewed the Audit and Jim Conley made a motion to approve the FY15 Financial Audit. Motion was seconded by Leslie George and motion passed unanimously.

Aerial Photography/LiDAR Consortium Project

Faith Bryan, GMRC Information Services Director and Jeff Simmons, Quantum Spatial Vice President presented a power point presentation to the Council on the Aerial Photography Fly-Over project. This project totaled \$1.6 million and covered our thirteen county region and also some areas in four other RC regions. This project was the largest imagery project ever done in the state of Georgia. With doing this project as a collective group, they were able to keep the cost down and saved the municipalities and counties that participated up to 50% in total cost. Ms. Bryan and Mr. Simmons answered questions about the project.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES AND ATTENDANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for any comments regarding the minutes and attendance report for the October 29, 2015 meeting. David Strickland made a motion to accept the minutes and attendance report as presented and was seconded by Leslie George. Motion carried unanimously. (Attendance report attached)

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis thanked all the cities and counties that signed up to host one of our Council meetings during 2016. He proudly stated that the 2016 calendar is filled. If you missed out on 2016 and would like to host one for 2017, please let Peggy Lovell know.

The Council was previously emailed ballots to vote for "Council Member of the Year". If you have not voted, please see Peggy to cast you ballot. Today is the deadline.

Financial Report

Becky Sievers, Director of Finance, presented the Financial Report for October. The Cash Position as of October 31, 2015 showed a bank balance of \$1,203,364, receivables of \$192,185 and payables of \$778,800, with an uncommitted cash balance of \$616,749. The Revenue Expenditure Report for the period of July 1, 2015 – October 31, 2015 indicated the Actual Revenue Income of \$1,803,007, Expenditures of \$1,595,853, with 33 percent of the budget being expended for the fiscal year. Sonny James made a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Ken Schubring. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Report

Leslie George, Annual Meeting Committee Chair, reported that the 2015 Annual Meeting is just around the corner. Most all details have been finalized. Each Council Member was encouraged to secure at least one sponsor for this event due to the fact that the \$40 ticket price does not cover all the cost of the event. Cities and counties were encouraged to bring a door prize. If anyone has not ordered tickets, there are only a few available. Come and enjoy a "Blue Christmas" with us on December 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS

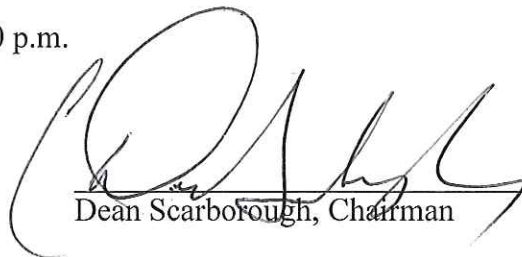
The December Council meeting will be our Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner at the Dillard House Conference Center.


DOOR PRIZES

City of Dawsonville provided a number of door prizes which were awarded to the lucky winners.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman

George Wangemann, Secretary

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BANKS	Danny Maxwell	P (R)	P	P (R)	A	P	P						
	Jerry Payne	P	P (R)	P	A	P (R)	P						
	Leslie George	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Mike Berg	P	A	P	P	A	A						
DAWSON	James Grogan**	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Charlie Auvermann	A	P	P	P	P	A						
	Brian Tam	A	A	P	P (R)	A	P (R)						
	Welch, Chuck			P (N)	P	A	P						
FRANKLIN		V	V	V	V	V	V						
	David Strickland	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Ralph Owens	A	P	P	P	A	P						
	Gerald Voyles	A	P	P	A	P	P						
HABERSHAM	Sonny James	A	A	P	P	P	P						
	Audrey Turner	A	P	P	P	P (R)	P						
	Ken Schubring	P	P	A	P	P	P						
	Dick Mecum	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	A	P (R)	P						
HALL	George Wangemann***	P	A	P	P	P	A						
	Deborah Mack	P	P	A	P	A	P						
	Ricky Carter	P	P	A	P	A	A						
	Tray Hicks	A	P	A	A	P	P						
LUMPKIN	Bill Chafin	P	P	A	P	P	P						
	Chris Dockery	A	P	A	P	A	P						
	Sam Norton	A	P	A	P	A	P						
	J.B. Jones	A	P	P	P	P	P						

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RABUN	Greg James	A	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	P						
	Debbie Chisholm	A	P	A	P	A	P						
	Douglas Wayne	P	P	P	P	P	P						
STEPHENS	Dean Scarborough*	P	P	A	P	P	P						
	David Austin	A	P	P	A	A	P						
	L.J. Harrison	P	P	P	P	P	A						
TOWNS	Bill Kendall	A	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	A	P						
	Joan Crothers	A	P	P	P	A	P						
	David Stovall	P	P	A	P (R)	P	P						
UNION	Lamar Paris	P	P	A	P	A	P						
	Jim Conley	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	Mitch Griggs	A	P	P	P	A	P						
WHITE	Travis Turner	P (R)	A	P	P (R)	A	P						
	Annie Sutton	A	P	P	A	P	P						
	Bill Black	P	P	P	P	A	P						
GOV APPT.	Rex Farmer	A	P	P	P	P	P						
		V	V	V	V	V	V						
	Will Wade	P	A	P	A	A	A						
SPEAKER APPT.		V	V	V	V	V	V						
	Peter Hill	P	A	A	P	A	A						

N = NEW MEMBER

E = EXCUSED

V = VACANCY

R = REPRESENTED

A = ABSENT

P = PRESENT

* Chairman

** Vice Chairman

*** Secretary